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1. SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE TOPICS OUTLINE IN REFTELOAST ACCEPTABLE. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND UPON THE TOPIC OF NEW METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION OUT OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE TO THE US BY INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF NEW METHODS OF TRAFFICKING WITHIN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AND OF MOVING NARCOTICS FROM ONE GTA COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. WE SUGGEST THIS SINCE TRAFFICKERS ARE INCREASINGLY VARYING THEIR METHODS OF OPERATION AND ADJUSTING TO THE BLOCKS BEING PRESENTED BY HOST GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF JOURNALISTS, WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST AN EXPANSION OF DISCUSSION BEYOND THE EXCHANGE OF AREA JOURNALISTS. SINCE BURMA IS AT THE END OF THE LINE AND NOT OFTEN VISITED BY JOURNALISTS (OR CONGRESSMEN), OTHER POSTS SOMETIMES HAVE OCCASION TO RESPOND TO QUERIES ABOUT BURMA, WHILE WE IN TURN OCCASIONALLY FIELD QUESTIONS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE IN GTA. WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ADEQUACY OF

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EXISTING GENERAL PRESS GUIDELINES AND SUPPLEMENTING THEM IF

NECESSARY. ALONG SAME LINES, CONTRIBUTIONS AS TO THE TREND OF QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES MADE TO INDIVIDUAL MISSIONS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

3. RANGOON PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PAUL J. BENNETT, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, AND EDWARD R. MCGIVERN, NARCOTICS OFFICER. ANTICIPATE BENNETT ARRIVING MAY 28, MCGIVERN MAY 29, AND BOTH DEPARTING ON 1 JUNE.
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